

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A gastric band comprising:  
a tension carrying belt;  
a balloon attached to said tension carrying belt, said balloon comprising a plurality of partitions defining a plurality of inner chambers; and  
a fluid supply tube attached to said tension carrying belt, said fluid supply tube comprising a plurality of inlets, each one of said plurality of inlets providing fluid communication between a corresponding one of said plurality of inner chambers and said fluid supply tube, wherein two or more of said plurality of inlets of said fluid supply tube are of different sizes.
2. (canceled)
3. (previously presented) The gastric band of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of check valves, one of each of said plurality of check valves positioned between a corresponding one of said plurality of inner chambers of said balloon and a corresponding one of said plurality of inlets of said fluid supply tube.
4. (original) The gastric band of claim 3, wherein each of said plurality of check valves comprises a one-way check valve.
5. (original) The gastric band of claim 3 wherein each of said plurality of check valves comprises a two-way check valve.
6. (canceled)
7. (currently amended) The gastric band of claim [[6]]1, wherein said plurality of inlets are ordered from smallest to largest along said fluid supply tube such that said plurality of chambers of said balloon fill at relatively substantially similar rates.

8. (original) The gastric band of claim 1, wherein said balloon has a length between about 8cm and about 15cm.

9. (original) The gastric band of claim 1, wherein said tension carrying belt further comprises a latching mechanism.

10. (original) The gastric band of claim 9, wherein said latching mechanism comprises one or more sutures.

11. (currently amended) A gastric band comprising:  
a tension carrying belt;  
a plurality of balloons attached to said tension carrying belt, each of said plurality of balloons comprising a separate skin, each said separate skin defining an interior chamber of each of said plurality of balloons; and  
a fluid supply tube attached to said tension carrying belt, said fluid supply tube comprising a plurality of inlets, each one of said plurality of inlets providing fluid communication between an interior chamber of a corresponding one of said plurality of balloons and said fluid supply tube, wherein two or more of said plurality of inlets of said fluid supply tube are of different sizes.

12. (previously presented) The gastric band of claim 11, further comprising a plurality of check valves, one of each of said plurality of check valves positioned between an interior chamber of a corresponding one of said plurality of balloons and a corresponding one of said plurality of inlets of said fluid supply tube.

13. through 28. (canceled)